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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug 18

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 ³⁰ am
Executive Matters	1pm

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

Thursday, Aug. 20

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30p

District 3 Staff

Paulyne Anakalea

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COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE AUGUST 2015

Aloha,

Accessory Dwelling Units

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) has introduced Bill 20 (2015), which provides for new regulation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), while retaining the ohana dwelling provisions. Ohana dwellings are intended for use by residents who are related to those who occupy the primary unit on the property. Ohana units are limited in size only to the extent of the underlying zoning. ADUs will be allowed on all residential and country zoned properties but will be limited in size to a maximum of 800 sq. ft., depending on each lot size. Limiting the size of ADUs will encourage lower rents and will maintain the ADU as accessory to the primary dwelling. An ADU may be attached to, or separate from the main dwelling. An ADU may be used to house a family member, adult children or someone else in need of shelter.

To help ensure that ADUs will be targeted towards affordable housing, the owner of the ADU shall record a covenant running with the land with the Bureau of Conveyances or the Land Court of the State of Hawaii which will state, among other guarantees, that the ADU shall be used only as a long-term rental for a minimum period of 180 days (or six months). The failure of an owner to abide by such covenant shall be deemed in violation and shall be deemed grounds for enforcement.

Bill 20 (2015) is currently pending in the Council's Committee on Zoning and Planning for amendments proposed by the DPP and by Councilmember Anderson. It is the Councilmember's intent to place Bill 20 onto the August 20 Zoning & Planning Committee agenda. Should the Bill be reported out of Committee, it will then advance to the Council floor for third and final reading. If you have any questions regarding Bill 20 (2015), please contact our office.

Real Property Tax Deadlines, Payments, Exemptions and Credits

This month and next there are two important dates to remember when it comes to your property taxes. First: property tax payments for the current tax year are due **August 20**; second: **September 30** is the deadline for the submission of all real property tax exemption and credit forms. While the City does now accept on-line payment of property taxes it is important to remember that there is a convenience charge for use of this service—which is used to defray the cost of the service. You can visit: <http://www.hnlpay.com> for more information regarding on-line payments.

If you own your home and have been living in it for at least a year, then you are eligible for the standard Homeowner's exemption which exempts the first \$80,000 of your property's value from taxation— if you're over 65 then the exemption amount increases to \$120,000. (cont'd)

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You only need to file for this exemption once. Additional exemptions are also available for persons with qualifying disabilities including totally disabled veterans. These forms are available online at: www.realpropertyhonolulu.com

For those on fixed or limited incomes the City offers a real property tax credit program which, depending on your age, limits your tax liability to a fixed percentage of your income. To be eligible for this property tax credit all titleholders can own only one property, they must live on the property, have a current homeowner's exemption and the combined income cannot exceed \$60,000. Because these tax relief programs are income dependent, you need to file for them every year. The forms for the tax credit are available at: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/budget/propertytaxcredit.pdf>

AGRICULTURAL DEDICATION FORMS

The City & County's annual report for agricultural dedication must be filed by **September 1st** of each year. Please fill out your dedication forms. If you fail to do so, you may lose your deduction and will be required to pay regular agricultural rates. We know that some members sent in the annual report but neglected to check on when their dedication expired which delayed their dedication being approved.

Unfortunately, you cannot file on line. You need to fill it in, print and mail to the City.

<http://www.realpropertyhonolulu.com/content/rpadcms/documents/Dedication/rpp41a.pdf>

**Real Property Assessment Division
842 Bethel Street, Basement
Honolulu, HI 96813**

You can also fill out the **dedication petition** on line at: http://www1.honolulu.gov/forms_all/bfs-rpp41.pdf

Please feel free to contact my office with any issues you might have. My staff and I are always willing to assist you.

Malama Pono,

Ikaika

ROAD RE-PAVING UPDATES

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road repaving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island.

You can visit this index at: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/ddc/roadrepavingupdate.htm> It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office!